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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SHIMOKAWA et al.

Serial No.: Rule 53(d) CPA of 09/044,163

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For: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE, DATABASE SYSTEM FOR
MANAGING DATABASE AND DATABASE AND DATABASE
MANAGING METHOD AND SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2171

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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January 4, 2001

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claim:

Claim 16, line 1, change "15" to --14--.

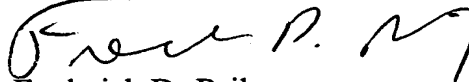
REMARKS

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees or credit any overpayment of fees to the deposit

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(referencing case No. 500.36133CX1).

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Amendment, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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